FDI and Technical Collaboration in different Sectors

2459. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Government approvals released for Foreign Direct Investment and Technical Collaboration during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(b) what are the results of FDI and Technical Collaboration in different sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) Sir, the number of Government approvals accorded for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Technical Collaboration during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are as under :

Year	No. of Financial Approvals	No. of Technical Approvals	Total No. of Approvals
April' 98 to Mar'99	1267	564	1831
April' 99 to Feb. 2000	1637	428	2065

(b) Foreign Financial and Technology Collaborations are expected to bring in new methods of production, latest technology, new managements skills, reduction in cost of production, better alternatives to the consumers and internationally competitive products.

INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH PENDING FOR APPROVAL

2460. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the details of industrial projects from Himachal Pradesh pending for approval by Government, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of cost of each Industrial Project;

(c) whether additional information has been sought from the State Government or organisation concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?